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A PERSONAL NOTE: If anyone wants information in HA, please email me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Ed Bolton is re-creating the Amos 'n' Andy scripts from 1928 – 1937 on WBCQ (7.415 KHZ) in Monticello, Maine. It is a shortwave station. He is charged \$50 each week and does this as a labor of love. If you can help financially, you can send donations to Ed Bolton, 4212 Jonestown Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17109. He is on 6 nights a week at midnight. Darrell Anderson of REPS brought this to my attention.

<u>SECOND REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY</u>: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The 2001 "2nd, Revised Ultimate History" is now available. The cost is \$47 plus \$4 for new buyers and \$37 plus \$4 for those that bought the 1996 version and all 4 supplements (Orange Cover).

CONVENTION 2002: Dates are Oct 24 - 27, 2002 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Invitations went out to an all-star cast. Our web site will keep you up to date.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The **Tenth** annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script, as before, but with one **DIFFERENCE**: this time it must **not** be based on a radio program of the past. It can be comedy or drama, period, present-day or future, but try to find a format NOT rooted in Golden Age Radio - perhaps a new, strong character we have never met before or a group of them. Leave space for short commercials - one after the opening teaser, a middle spot and a closing one - unless you are inspired to write your own commercials for an existing or a mythical product. If you have entered before and you have not won in 2 years, please enter again.

The script must have all music and sound cues as well as all the spoken material. Try to arrange it in script form so it doesn't have to be retyped. It must be double spaced and have large

enough type.

The prize for the best script will be \$200 and will have its live performance at our 2003 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. There will be some rehearsal time. There will also be a second prize winner, who will be awarded \$100, but not performed.

Scripts must be submitted by August 30, 2002. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (732) 940-7639. Return receipt is not necessary. A distinguished panel of three judges including Arthur Anderson will pick the winning script. One of the judges will forward detailed suggestions to non-winners for future improvements. They must be very readable. If you want a primer on preferred page format, send a SASE to Mr., Zwengler. All are eligible so please spread the word.

Winners have been Michael Giorgio, James Nixon, Edgar Russell, III, Donald Dortmund, Joel Senter, Arlene Osborne and Michael Leannah. This year's winners were **Becky Beach and John Bell.**

<u>CONVENTION 2001:</u> 2001 pens are available for \$1.00 each plus \$.34 postage. FOTR microphone key chains which we gave out in 2000 to all registrants are available for \$1.55 including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H. Convention Booklets are \$2.50 each including P&H.

Video and Audio cassettes of the 26th Annual FOTR Convention (2001) are available from AVPRO (Don Aston). Price of 3 videos and 5 audio cassettes is \$65. Individual videos are \$20 each and the 5 audio cassettes package is \$20. Individual cassettes are separately priced at \$20 each. Prices include shipping.

Don Aston, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-332-8776) FAX 909-244-0022 <aston@linkline.com>

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, email me for it and I will email it to you. If you don't have email, please send me a SASE for it...NARA News, Summer; articles about MP3; Tom Corbett ...Illustrated Press, June; article about the Lone Ranger...Radio Recall, June; articles about Amos 'n' Andy Imitators; Jack Armstrong vs. Harry Potter; Capt. Midnight's Code-O-Graphs; Comic Strips on Radio...RLL on the Air, Hun; article about Tom Mix.. SPERDVAC Radiogram, June; article about Ellery Queen...July; article about Invitation To Learning...Return With us Now, June; article about Gunsmoke...July; article about Captain Midnight...Nostalgia Digest, Aug - Sep; articles about Abbott and Costello; DR. I.Q.; Randolph Scott; Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake; African-Americans and OTR; Shirley Temple.

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>. **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571..**From the Holocaust to Hogans Heroes** by Robert Clary; Robert plans to attend our convention this year. This is a well written autobiography from his experiences during the Holocaust to his fame in Hollywood, Broadway, television and as a singer. It is published by Madison Books, 2002 for \$26.95. It is 210 pages. It is available in most book stores or call 1-800-462-6420

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27th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 24 – 27 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JavHick@aol.com>

SPERDVAC Convention: Nov 1-3 at Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo; details when available;

17th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, April 11 – 12, 2003; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (859) 282-0333.krange-nc-haracio@hotmail.com

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

<u>WEB SITES</u>: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com>...Jim Widner

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): McCoy's Recording (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...Jerry Haendiges, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 < JHaendiges@aol.com > ... Roger Hill's "Nothing's New" 711 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063... Vintage Broadcasts (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)...Radio Memories (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 < Tedotr@aol.com>...Great American Radio (GAR) (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...Bequaert Old Books, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR...Metro Golden Memories, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...AVPRO (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...Radio Spirits, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176...Redmond Nostalgia Co. (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...SPERDVAC Library (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...Travis Conner, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 < connertm@cinternet.net>...John Barber, 1318 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 586-1931... Vintage Audio (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 < Thomasmartin 2@compuserve.com > ... John Cooper Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 < Mysto99@aol.com > ... Gordon Payton (The Scifi Guy), 118 East Palmer Ave., Collingswood, NJ 08108 <thescifiguy@juno.com>...Satellite Video **Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>...BRC Productions (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <plate-</p> can@brcradio.com> <www.brcradio.com>...Hello Again Radio (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042...Audio Classic Archive (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844 < audio-classic.com > ... Lodestone (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401: 1-800-411-6463 < lodestone-media.com > (Deals in New Audio Theater...Ed Carr, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net>...Dan Riedstra, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 < daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>

All listings below list sampling of shows. Eight new Halls of Ivy have surfaced. Contact Norman Brickman or Ryan Ellett at following web site...Great American Radio">http://www.geocities.com/ryanellett/>...Great American Radio (Congratulations LaDonna and Gary on your Granddaughter;) Aunt Mary; couple Next Door; Perry Mason...Radio Memories; Eternal Light; Martin and Lewis; Alice in Wonderland (BBC)...Vintage Broadcasts; Dave Garroway; Bill Stern; Stars Over Hollywood

<u>LOGS</u>; Bill Wandel has put together a log of Cities Service, Band of America from 6/4/48 – 1/16/56. I am selling the 40-page log for him for \$5.00 including P&H. It lists every song scheduled for just about all the dates.

<u>NEW ADDRESSES:</u> Peter Fernandez, 4903 Edgemoor Ln #304, Bethesda, MD 20814...Mark Paswinski, 2832 Manchester Ln,, Schererville, IN 46375

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Beth Holman, 16705 Craigmere Dr., Middleburg, OH 44130. Wants to buy Lux Radio Theater; can't trade. Send lists and prices on cassettes

only...Richard King, 18 Middle St., Barrington, RI 02806...Jeffrey Kay, 705 Savannah Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221...Ivan Shreve, Jr., 320 Briarcliff Cir. Savannah, GA 31419...Paul Wilson, 99 Hoof Print Rd., Millbrook, NY 12545 (Paul is back to work after a year of convalescence)...Bruce Forsberg, 9779 Megan Ter., Escondido, CA 92026

<u>OLD FRIENDS:</u> Dean Mayhew, Box 75, Orland, ME 04472 has done several monographs on Carleton E. Morse; Phillip Lord (who loved down the road) and the Dumont TV network. If anyone can use any of this, Dean will send a copy on spec...Robert A. Vito, 2033 East 67th St. Brooklyn, NY, 11234 has mp3 for TRADE OR SALE. CONTACT Robert A. Vito at mailing address or <Momdad77@aol.com>. Include self stamped addressed legal envelope for list of over 200 full series shows and more. Also trades and sells audio cassettes.

Ron Lackmann is auctioning off an authentic, original (not a reproduction) New Year's 1950 JACK BENNY SHOW radio script. In a skit on this show Jack plays the Old Year, the Sportsmen talk, Rochester borrow Jack's car, Mary plays Columbia, et al. This is a 26 page, mimeographed (as were all radio scripts in OTR) script.... NOT a reproduction...with dialog, sound and music cues etc. All bids over \$250 will be considered...the highest bid received wins the script. This is a rare opportunity to own an actual script used on the Benny show. Write Ron Lackmann, 2468 Lucas Tpke, High Falls, NY 12440 with your bidor email your bid to: RonLackmann@aol.com Auction winner will be announced after August 30, 2002.

IN FOND MEMORY: Bernice Berwin, May 22, 100; on One Man's Family as Hazel...Jack Kruschen, Apr 2, 80; veteran TV, radio and movie actor (Dragnet, Sam Spade)..Signe Hasso, June 7, 91; actress; on many anthology shows on radio...Cliff Thorsness, Jun 14, 88; CBS sound effects artist...George Cates, May 10, 90; musical director, composer, arranger for several people including Lawrence Welk; Steve Allen; Bing Crosby...Rosemary Clooney, Jun 29, 74; Legendary singer of Jazz and pop hits; was on radio from 1953 to 1962...Herbert Finn, May 28, 89; Script writer (Duffy's Tavern).

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970.

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

JAY HICKERSON, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887; FAX (203) 281-1322 e-mail: JayHick@aol.com

Web site: http://www.old-time.com/hickers.html

FOTR Web site: http://www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/fotr/ (all lower case)

WANTED

To Buy, Rent or Borrow, For biographical research on singer

MIDGE WILLIAMS,

The following radio programs:

Blue Monday Jamboree, 1935 summer Series, CBS, Monday nights, originating at KFRC in San Francisco. Midge Williams was a regular cast member. She was also heard locally from time to time on Blue Monday Jamboree prior to 1935.

Shell Chateau, January 4, 1936, NBC. Midge Williams made a guest appearance, Al Jolson MC'd, other guests were Bette Davis, the Yacht Club Boys, and Walter Hagen.

Midge Williams, Songs, July 15, 1936, through February 10, 1937, NBC Blue Network, 15 minutes @ 6:15 PM, Eastern time, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Sears Orchestra, July 28, 1936, NBC Blue Network. Midge Williams sang. Others appearing: Corinna Mura, soprano; Tune Twisters Trio; Barry McKinley, baritone; Gould and Shefter, piano.

Studebaker Champions, December 7, 1936, NBC. Midge Williams guest appearance with Richard Himber's orchestra.

Midge Williams, Songs, April 5, 1937, through May 10, 1937, NBC Red Network, 15 minutes @ 7:30 PM, Eastern time, Mondays.

Ben Bernie and All the Lads, June 3, 1937, NBC Blue Network. Midge Williams guest appearance.

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS, OR KNOW OF ANY PERSON OR INSTITUTION THAT MIGHT HAVE THEM, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

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- 1. Who's On First? the famous Abbott and Costello routine- 4 pages-#3.00
- 2. The Aldrich Family-Homer's Anniversary- 24 pages-\$8.00
- 3. Jack Benny-The Jello Program- w/ the Quiz Kids-19 pages-\$8.00
- 5. The Edgar Bergen Show- 11/27/55- guest: J. Benny-19 pages- \$8.00
- 6. The Bickersons-Christmas sketch- 9 pages- \$5.00
- 7. Boston Blackie-TheCharity Racket- 32 pages-#10.00
- 8. Buck Rogers in The Twenty Fifth Century-Killer Kane Hides The Rocket-15 pages- \$6.00
- 9. Captain Midnight- The Return Of Ivan Shark-14 pages- \$6.00
- 10. The Cisco Kid- Key Of Death-23 pages- \$8.00
- 11. Dick Tracy- The Firebug Murders- 20 pages- \$8.00
- 12. Mercury Theatre- Dracula- 29 pages- \$10.00
- 13. Ellery Queen- The Armchair Detective Mystery- w/guest-Sheila Graham- 28 pages- \$10.00
- 14. Fibber McGee and Molly- McGee and His Magic- 22 pages- \$8.00 15. First Nighter Program- Oh, Little Town Of Bethleham-12/23/52 19 pages-copied from original script- \$8.00
- 17. Grand Central Station-Miracle For Christmas-27 pages- copied from original script-\$10.00
- 18. The Great Gildersleeve- The Boys Notice Marjorie-23 pages-\$8.00
- 19. Gunsmoke- Chester's Dilemma- 1/31/60-23 pages- \$8.00
- 22. Hopalong Cassidy- Junior Badman- 21 pages- \$8.00
- 24. Jack Armstrong- Makio Returns- 14 pages- \$7.00 26. Lights Out- Catwife- 25 pages- \$8.00
- 27. Little Orphan Annie- Following Angelina Carmenetti- 14 pages- \$7.00
- 28. The Lone Ranger- Annie Calhoun-27 pages- \$8.00
- 30. Lum and Abner- The Folding Cot- 15 pages-\$7.00
- 31. LuxRadio Theatre-The African Queen- 44 pages- \$12.00
- 33. Man Called X- Radio Freedom- 28 pages- \$10.00
- 34. Marx BrothersFive Star Theatre- Beagle, Shyster and Beagle- 11/28/32 14 pages- \$7.00
- 35. Mr. and Mrs. North- The Filed Skate- 25 pages- \$8.00
- 36. Mr. District Attorney- Charity Never Began- 26 pages-\$8.00
- 37. Perry Mason- Barker Is Trapped- 12 pages- \$6.00 38. The Plot To Overthrow Christmas- 23 pages- \$8.00

Note: If you are interested in the full list of old time radio scripts and more, that I have for sale, please send a business envelope with two first class stamps.

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27th Friends of Old-Time Radio Convention October 24-27, 2002 Holiday Inn North, Newark

Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or **tentative** acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast Guests

Harry Bartell - Gunsmoke; Suspense

Robert Clary - (TV) Hogan's Heroes; Singer

Lois Culver - Sales dept. for KFI; wife of Howard Culver

Bill Farrell - (Singer) Bob Hope

Beverly Garland – (TV) My Three Sons; Bing Crosby Show

Kathy Garver - (TV) Cissy on Family Affair;

Gogi Grant - (Singer) "The Wayward Wind"

Bob Hastings – Archie Andrews; (Television) McHale's Navy

Bill Hayes – (Actor, singer) Woolworth Hour; Glenn Miller; "Ballad of Davy Crockett"

Susan Seaforth Hayes - Lux Radio Theater; (TV) Days of Our Lives

Richard Herd - Theater 5 (TV) V; Seinfeld; T J Hooker

Cynthia Pepper - (TV) My Three Sons

Paul Petersen - (TV) Donna Reed Show; Singer

Hal Stone - Jughead in Archie Andrews

Bea Wain - (Singer) "Deep Purple" with Larry Clinton; Children's Hour

Beverly Washburn - Jack Benny

New East Coast Guests

Johnny Blowers – (Drummer; band leader) Your Hit Parade with Frank Sinatra

Returnees

Arthur Anderson - Let's Pretend, Mercury Theater

George Ansbro - (Announcer) ABC

Cliff Carpenter - County Seat, Terry and the Pirates

Phyllis Creore - Worked with AFRS

Ann DeMarco - (Singer) with Fred Allen

Mary Diveny - (TV, Movies, Broadway, Radio)

Don Hastings - Theater Guild, Studio One; (TV) As The world

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Pat Hosley - A Brighter Day

Will Hutchins - (TV) Blondie; Sugarfoot

Kitty Kallen - (Singer)

Teri Keane - Life Can Be Beautiful

Bill Owen - (Announcer for ABC)

Rosemary Rice - Archie Andrews; Let's Pretend

Events

The following events are **tentatively** scheduled. Time will be announced at convention.

Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 9 am - 5:30 pm

The Spider (Tom Powers)

Live and In Person with Archie from Duffy's Tavern (Dave Zwengler and Randy Larson)

Collecting, tape recording and Mini Discs (Fred Berney and John Gallagher)

Howard Blue discusses his book about radio and World War II (with Cliff Carpenter)

Tribute to Dave Warren (Gary Yoggy, Derek Tague, Steve Hiss)

Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30 - 8:00

The winning original drama of 2001 by **Becky Beach and John Bell** will be presented (War of the Worlds) - Dir. by A. Anderson

Those Were the Days Radio Players from Chicago present "Hall of Fantasy"

Fans present (Variety Show, 2002) produced by Dave Zwengler

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Quiz show (Dave Zwengler)

OTR Today with Dick Brescia and David West (When Radio Was)

Panel - Have Gun Will Travel (A Tollin and M Grams)

Jack Benny (Anthony Tollin; Beverly Washburn)

One on One with Beverly Garland (with Mitchell Weisberg)

Child Stars (Rick Saphire with a star studded panel)

AFRS (Gary Yoggy, Ed Clute, Phyllis Creore)

(Re-creation) original presentation by The Gotham Radio Players of Lights Out episode of "Chicken Heart: (Prod and Dir by Max Schmid and Steve Lewis)

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Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

(Re-creation) Voyage of the Scarlet Queen; Dir by Jack French

(Re-creation) Lawyer Tucker; Dir by Arthur Anderson The Bickersons with Rosemary Rice and Bob Hastings

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Blindness and Radio (D Tague; L Palmer; M Mandel; E Clute; K Meyer)

One on One with Hal Stone and Bob Hastings (Mitchell Weisberg) Living Audio Repertory Company presents an exciting re-creation 20 Questions with Bob Van Deventer

Hedda Hopper with nephew Bob Furry and Jack French

Ellery Queen Panel (Bill Nadel, Martin Grams, Jr., Mike Nevins, Bill Owens, Lois Culver

Singers, musicians and Big Bands, Part 5 (hosted by Stu Weiss and Michael Henry); guests include Bea Wain, Robert Clary, Gogi Grant, Johnny Blowers, Ann De Marco, Bill Hayes, Paul Petersen, Kitty Kallen, Beverly Washburn, t

(Re-creation) Suspense "Sorry Wrong Number" with Beverly Washburn; dir by John Gallagher

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

(Re-creation) Have Gun Will Travel; Dir by Anthony Tollin (Re-creation) Nero Wolfe with Bob and Don Hastings, Rosemary Rice, Hal Stone Awards, raffle, donations

Sunday Morning

Breakfast from 7:00 am to 9:30; There will be a panel of guests (to be decided) from 9:30 to 11:00 am

Getting There

By Air: Fly to Newark Airport

Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport.

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport: then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked FRONTAGE ROAD after toll booth. DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked Frontage Road. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right.

From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked **FRONTAGE ROAD**. Follow to hotel.

From Garden State Parkway North of airport: take Exit 142 to I-78 to Exit 58B (Frontage Road)
From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9
North to FRONTAGE ROAD.

By Train: Check your local train schedule

<u>Cost</u>

- Reserve your spot as soon as possible. Prepaid tickets are held at the door. Take advantage of our package specials described on attached sheet.
- Thursday, October 24; Daytime only (9 am 5 pm); \$15
- Thursday, October 24; Daytime and evening including dinner (9 am closing) \$39.00. Choice of London broil, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed fillet of sole. Please make choice when you make your reservation.
- Friday, October 25: Daytime only (9 am 5:30 pm) \$15.00 if paid in advance; \$20.00 at the door.
- Friday, October 25: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. closing) \$51.00. Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.
- Saturday, October 26: Daytime only (9 a.m. 5:00 p.m.) \$15.00 if paid in advance; \$20.00 at the door.
- Saturday, October 26: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. 10:30 p.m.) \$57.00. Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.
- Sunday, October 27: Morning including buffet breakfast and panel, 7:00 to 11:00 am: \$18
- Complimentary coffee and muffins early Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. Hors d'oeuvres for dinner guests only.
- Dealer's Tables are \$65 and \$95 each plus appropriate registration fees. Details on special sheet.
- Hotel: Rooms are \$99.99, no matter how many in a room, no matter how many nights. ALL ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED USING THE HI NORTH NUMBER (1-973-589-1000) during normal business hours. Ask for ISABEL. Reservation should be placed by September 25th. Rooms are limited. There are other options described on special sheet.

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. See attached

Registration

- Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson
- Mail to Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514. (203) 248-2887; FAX (203) 281-1322; E-mail JayHick@aol.com
- On the Web at: www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/fotr (all lower case)

27th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention

Oct 24 - 27, 2002

Updated and Further Information

Registration

All meal reservations MUST be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk and save \$5. Preregistration for the day only is \$15 if mailed in advance and \$20 if paid at the door for both Friday or Saturday. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is \$15 for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to

stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, add \$10 to the cost.

PACKAGE PRICES: If you come for all 4 meals (Thursday through Sunday, cost is \$152 instead of \$165 (\$146 for seniors). If you come for Thursday through Saturday, cost is \$136 instead of \$147 (\$130 for seniors). If you come for Friday through Sunday, cost is \$116 instead of \$126 (\$112 for seniors). Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, please send a SASE or e-mail address. It would be easier to send me your email address anyway. I can send you updated information easier.

Rooms

Rooms must be reserved through the Holiday Inn-North phone number (1-973-589-1000. Ask to speak with Isabel and tell her you are with FOTR. You must call during business hours. Cost of the rooms is \$99.99 a day, regardless of the number of days or number of people in the room. A deposit might be required (by credit card). If you must cancel, you must do it by 6 pm of the day you are arriving. Rooms should be reserved by September 25th. If you reserve them after that, you will be taking a chance on availability. The Holiday Inn has now been totally renovated with a new wing.

If you wish to stay at the **Howard Johnson**, which is also renovated and a half mile from the Holiday Inn, cost per night is also \$99.99. There is shuttle service. Call the Holiday Inn-North also

for HJ reservation.

If you wish to stay next door at the **Sheraton**, call 1-800-325-3535.

Better rates might be obtained by calling the 800 numbers of Holiday Inn (1-800-465-4329) or The Howard Johnson (1-800-446-4656) as soon as you can. Also try the internet. Don't mention FOTR at first. Don't forget to try the Sheraton. Try to share rooms with someone. Mention AARP and/or AAA if appropriate.

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday and Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and **will** be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. **All those** who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is room. Table reservations **must** be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

<u>Ads</u>

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 27th year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

Dealers at our convention may take a 35% discount on the ad. Help support our 27th annual convention.

For our 27th Convention, we are asking members to send in short articles about an OTR topic. E-mailing them to me would be the easiest so I can print them right away. In any case, they must be camera ready. Keep the articles 1 page or less if possible.

Wednesday

To all Wednesday overnight guests and committee...Come and join us for complimentary wine, beer and cheese in the Dresden Room from about 6 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable & cheese platters. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Thursday

Remember to let me know your choice of food for Thursday night. Also remember, the dealers are open from 9 am. I will be at the Holiday Inn Wednesday afternoon.

Food

If you have to eat at a particular time or need special food, please let me know in advance.

Fan Participation

There will be a FAN variety show on Thursday night. Tryouts will be at 2:30 pm on Thursday. We invite everyone to try out, even if you have never acted before. You can sing, act, tell a news story, etc.

Dealers

Cost for dealers will range from \$65 to \$95 per table depending on what room it is in. All details on a special sheet. If a special sheet is not included and you want a dealers table but are not particular as to the room it is in, cost will be \$65 a table. Registration fees for dealers will be reduced. Dealers can arrive as early as 7 am Thursday morning to set up. Some dealers will be able to set up late Wednesday night. I will let you know as I get closer to the date.

No Smoking

This is a smoke free convention. The Hotel is under new management and is completely renovated. There now is NO SMOKING ANYWHERE in the convention area, the lobby or the rest rooms.